

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

Replace the Abstract with:

A ~~rod-type rod-shaped~~ solid-state laser apparatus that, in ~~terms of~~ a support structure for ~~a solid-state laser medium for the rod-type rod-shaped~~ solid-state laser, can generate a stable laser beam. The ~~rod-type rod-shaped~~ solid-state laser apparatus includes: a fixing ring (9), placed around ~~either one~~ end of the solid-state laser medium (1), having part or all of its outer face tapered; ~~a~~ A rod holder (2), ~~is~~ placed around the fixing ring (9), ~~having and has~~ a face, facing the fixing ring and tapered at an angle approximately equal to the tapered outer face of the fixing ring; ~~the~~ The fixing ring (9) ~~being~~ is pressed ~~to~~ against the tapered inner face of the rod holder (2), and also ~~to~~ against the solid-state laser medium (1); ~~and the~~ The solid-state laser medium (1) ~~being~~ is fixed to the rod holder (2).